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Upon reviewing the file, applicants noted that they have not received an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 that accompanied an information disclosure statement filed October 29, 2008.

Applicants' records show that this information disclosure statement complied with 37 CFR 1.97. Thus, we respectfully request that the examiner initial and return this form as soon as possible. Note, applicants must pay the issue fee by December 29, 2009, so the examiner's prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please consider the references listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed.

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